

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 411
By Brooks (Knox)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Diane Psihogios of Powell High School on her selection as Tennessee's 2005 High School Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educational leaders who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Diane Psihogios is one such estimable educational administrator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Principal of Powell High School, Diane Psihogios, has recently been selected Tennessee's 2005 Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a Principal as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award recognizes principals who have strong leadership and communication skills and who actively work to improve teaching and learning at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Psihogios was born in Virginia to parents who grew up in Greece; they moved to the United States in 1951, and thanks to her heritage, Ms. Psihogios is fluent in Greek, yet she previously taught high school Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Diane Psihogios has served with acumen and alacrity as Principal of Powell High School during the 2004-2005 school year after having left Karns High School where she began working as an Assistant Principal in 1997; she has performed with the utmost dedication and fervor even through her tumultuous and tiring battles with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Psihogios is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who works assiduously to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential,

both as scholars and as citizens; even during her medical leave, this remarkable professional has played an active role at Powell High School by talking with her assistant principals daily from her home in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as the winner of Tennessee's High School Principal of the Year contest, Ms. Diane Psihogios received a \$1,500 grant, and she is now in the running for the National title of Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Diane Psihogios truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues, faculty, staff and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Diane Psihogios is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her family; and

WHEREAS, Diane Psihogios truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated Principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Diane Psihogios of Powell High School on being chosen as Tennessee's 2005 Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.